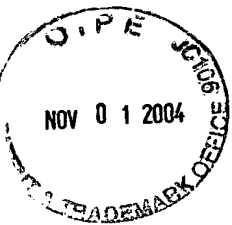


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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of
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P.O. Box 1450
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October 29, 2004

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 29, 2004 having a statutory period for reply set to expire on October 29, 2004. This response is timely filed on October 29, 2004.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown in the section entitled Claim Amendments.